guide the people in agricultural production technique;

(b) whether their presence is a new boost to the farmers of Arunachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) In Arunachal Pradesh, the following ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) Research Centres are in operation:—

(i) Regional Research Centre of ICAR NEH Complex located at Basar, West Siang district.

(ii) National Research Centre—Yak located at Dirang.

(iii) Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) located at Basar.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. These Centres are developing location specific technologies and farming systems for boosting and sustaining the agricultural productivity.

— The Agricultural Research Centre at Basar is working on crop improvement, conservation of water resources, developing suitable farming and cropping systems and to evolve plant protection technologies for rice, pulses, groundnut, bamboo and horticultural crops, etc.

— The Yak centre is working on the development of standard management practices and physiological parameters of Mithun.

— The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) is undertaking dissemination of proven technologies and imparting training to farmers on important aspects like crop production, horticulture, fisheries, homescience and agricultural engineering, etc.

(d) Question does not arise.

States Producing Betelnut and Coconut

5619. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) the names of the States in the country producing Betelnut and Coconut; and

(b) the estimted annual production of betelnut and coconut in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Major Betelnut (arecanut) producing States are Karnataka, kerala, Assam, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Maharashtra and the major coconut growing states re Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Orissa, Maharashtra, Goa and Assam.

(b) As per latest figures available, the production of betelnut and coconut was 275000 tonnes and 12355 million nuts during 1993-94 respectively.

Hiring of private vehicles by Mother Dairy Fruit and Vegetable Unit

5620. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: (a) whether mother Dairy's Fruit and Vegetable unit in Delhi have been hiring privately run Matadors/Tempos etc.;

(b) if so, the conditionalities laid down for hiring such private vehicles;

(c) whether Government's directives/guidelines are being totally flouted by Mother Dairy by hiring more than three years old vehicles;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to discontinue hiring of private vehicles particularly of three years old;

(e) the amount of expenditure incurred by Mother Dairy on hiring of private vehicles during the last one year; and